(b) and (c) Trains are not introduced exclusively for any particular segment of passengers. However, special arrangements are made to clear extra rush during festivals/melas subject to traffic justification, availability of resources and operational feasibility.

Derailment of Goods Train

2996. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention is invited to news-item appeared in the Indian Express dated 14th July, 1993 captioned "Goods Train derails near Cantt. quarters";

(b) whether such accidents in Railways are increasing at an alarming rate;

(c) whether it is a fact that Railways are ignoring the human cost due to such accidents;

(d) whether the Railways are giving sufficient importance to prevent accidents; and

(e) whether it is a fact that low morale amongst railway employees is an important cause of accidents ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) No, Sir.

Coach Factories Working in the Country

2997. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of coach factories that are working in the country; and

(b) what is the demand for passenger coaches in the country;

(c) what was the target set for production of coaches during last three years and achievement made against these targets ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) There are four coach factories in the country viz. Integral Coach Factory, Perambur, Madras and Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala, Punjab in the Railway Sector and Bharat Earth Movers Limited, Banglore and Jessops and Company Limited, Calcutta in the Public sector.

(b) During VIII Plan coach requirement is estimated to be 10815.

(c) The year wise production and targets of manufacture of passenger coaches during last three years is as follows :

Year	Targets	Actuals
1990-91	1855	1999
1991-92	2072	2250
1992-93	2307	2479

Work on Mangalore-Bombay, Konkan Railway Line

2998. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the work on Mangalore-Bombay, Konkan Railway line has been stopped in the Goa section;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what would be the escalation in cost due to stoppage of work in Goa section; and

(d) the details of the efforts being made to resume work in Goa Section ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) An alternate route was suggested by NATPAK, a firm of consultants which was claimed to be cheaper by Rs. 80 crores than the existing alignment. The matter has been referred to a High Level Committee under Retired Supreme Court Judge, Justice G. J. Oza. The Committee is expected to submit its report by 10-9-1993. Decision regarding the alignment to be followed will be taken shortly thereafter and work will then be resumed.

The Quantum of escalation will depend on the decision of the Government on the recommendations of the High Level Committee, which will be available only after the report is received.

Outlay Spent on Passenger Amenities

2999. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the percentage of total outlay spent on passenger amenities during last three years;

(b) the details of major passenger amenities provided by Railways to the passengers during last three years; and

(c) what are the programmes proposed to be taken up to provide more amenities to the passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Percentage of expenditure incurred on Passenger Amenities to total outlay during the last three years is as under:—

Year	Percentage
1989-90	0.68
1990-91	0.58
1991-92	0.63

(b) Amenities are provided at stations in accordance with prescribed norms based on the volume of passenger traffic handled. Periodical surveys are conducted by Railways to ascertain deficiencies in basic amenities at stations and action is taken to eliminate them. During the last three years, not only basic amenities such as waiting halls, benches/seats, lighting, platform with well maintained surface, proper booking arrangements and shady trees were provided as per yardsticks at various stations, but additional amenities like provision of water coolers, waiting rooms, retiring rooms, book stalls, refreshment rooms, bathrooms, urinals, fans, CCTVs, public address system, enquiry/information office, train indicator boards, additional platforms and platform shelters, washable aprons on platform lines, foot over bridges, circulating area etc., were also provided at various stations depending on the traffic requirement.

(c) Railways are making all out efforts to provide maximum comfort to the rail users. With this in view, progressively increasing allocations are made every year for undertaking passenger amenity works. Presently, an action plan to eliminate the deficiencies in respect of basic passenger amenities as existing on 1-4-1991, has been taken up. Besides, other passenger amenities if justified, based on volume of passenger traffic, will also be provided, subject to availability of funds.

ABB Locomotive Deal

3000. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently cleared Asean Brown Boveri locomotives deal;

(b) if so, the total number of electric locomotives of 6000 HP which the Railways expect to purchase from ABB;

(c) the loan assistance proposed to be given to the Indian Railways by the ABB for the purchase of these locomotive;

(d) whether the decision to go ahead with the locomotives deal had been taken after taking into account of the recommendations of the R.C.C.;

(e) if so, the main recommendations of RCC accepted by the Railways; and

(f) whether the above decision was taken after taking into account the recommendations of the Expert Group constituted by the Planning Commission, if so, what were the main recommendations to the Experts Group set up by the Planning Commission?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Contract for supply of 30 Nos. of 6000 HP 25 KV AC 3 phase electric locomotives alongwith associated spares in the form of 3 loco sets has been awarded to ABB/ Switzerland.

(c) ABB has not proposed to give any loan assistance for the purchase of these locomotives.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The recommendations of the RCC was that the Government may give serious consideration to the views expressed by the Committee before taking a final decision. After considering the views expressed by RCC, the Government decided to go ahead with the awarding of the contract.

(f) Yes, Sir. The main recommendation of the Expert Group was that the need for introducing the high horse power locomotives incorporating state-of-the art technologies is established beyond doubt on technological, operational and economic considerations.

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3001. चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को इस मामले की जानकारी है कि किसी अधिकारी ने रेलवे स्टेशनों पर वैन्डर या दुकान आबंटित किये जाने हेतु रिश्वत ली है;